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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

VIA: Director of Training

FROM: Director, Center for the Study of Intelligence

SUBJECT: Publication of [REDACTED]

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1. Mr. Anthony Cave Brown has requested, under FOIA, [REDACTED] a two volume work by [REDACTED] of the Office of Training originally classified Secret (Tab D). Brown has recently inquired about the current status of his request and we think he will persist in doing so until the documents are declassified. This appears to us at this point to be the most likely outcome. Brown has already published three unclassified volumes (including the history of the OSS), is now writing a biography of General Donovan, and has obtained, under FOIA, a copy of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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2. We believe that Brown intends to publish [REDACTED] history as his fourth unclassified volume. In our judgment this would not be the most salubrious way for this work to reach the public, especially if it were construed as something Brown had pried out of a reluctant CIA that was trying to keep this information hidden. We think that the best thing to do would be to publish this history in an unclassified version under CSI auspices simultaneously with its release to Brown. There is a precedent for this as the Center has recently published two other unclassified studies. The history would continue to carry the caveat that it was the product of the author alone and not the official position of the DCI or the CIA.

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3. An earlier request from the Director of Training to declassify and publish this history was disapproved by the Publications Review Board and the Assistant for Information. The relevant documents are in Tab A.

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4. Whatever one thinks of the validity of the arguments against publishing at that time, which unfortunately were never properly rebutted, (see Tab B and C for some contrary opinions), Brown's current interest in an unclassified version puts us in a new ball game. In short, we think we should publish the history ourselves and give [REDACTED] the credit for this detailed and comprehensive account of the origin of CIA and especially of the CIA section of the National Security Act of 1947.

Attachments:

- A. Memo for C/PRB
- B. Memo for DCI
- C. Memo for DTR
- D. [REDACTED] (2 copies)  
Volume 1 and 2

CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Administration

Date